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CITY OF GLENDALE, AARP PARTNER TO OFFER TAX ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTS

Basic tax assistance provided at Glendale Adult Center through April 18

GLENDALE, Ariz. – AARP will offer free tax assistance at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St., between Feb. 1 and April 18.

Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free, first-come, first-served basic assistance with filing federal and state taxes online. This service is open to anyone, but is aimed at moderate-income and low-income people ages 60 and older. All volunteer preparers are IRS-trained and certified. Please note that volunteers cannot assist with business or complicated individual returns. Taxpayers are required to bring:

- proof of identification (photo ID) for you and spouse;
- Social Security cards for you, spouse and all dependents;
- birthdates for anyone listed on the tax return;
- interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099-INT & DIV);
- brokerage statements;
- health insurance exemption certificate;
- blank check for proof of bank account routing and account number for direct deposit;
- total paid for daycare providers and the tax ID # or Employee Identification Number for daycare providers;
- Forms 1095-A, B or C (Affordable Health Care Statements);
- If applicable, itemized deduction information for medical expenses, mortgage interest statements, receipts for charitable contributions and any other itemized deduction documents; and your 2015 tax return and other tax documents used to prepare your return.

Service is provided on a walk-in basis, at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. (just south of Peoria & 59th Ave.) during the following days/times: Mondays, 2 - 6 p.m.; Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Thursdays, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Feb. 1 through April 18.) Additional sites and hours in Glendale are:

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- Christ Community Church, 4530 W. Thunderbird Rd.: Tuesdays 4 – 8 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Vista Alegre, 6515 W. Maryland Ave.: Fridays and Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The VITA Program provides "free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals in local communities," while the TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly) Program offers "free tax help for all with priority assistance to people who are 60 years of age and older." For more information on either of these programs, call 1-800-906-9887.

Last year, this program assisted Valley residents with approximately 2,300 tax returns at the Glendale Adult Center.

If you simply need a tax form, the Glendale Public Library can help you locate many online forms as well as online resources to help you file your taxes. Printing or copying forms costs 20 cents per page. Find additional information online: www.glendaleaz.com/Library/IncomeTaxForms.cfm.

For more information on AARP's program, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit aarp.org/taxaide. For additional information on the Glendale Adult Center, visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation or call 623-930-2820.

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